

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 877

By Campbell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Donelson Christian Academy football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division II, Class A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Donelson Christian Academy football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2021 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II, Class A State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Wildcats exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, Donelson Christian Academy captured the school's fourth state football title and first since 2004 with a resounding 31-7 victory over Nashville Christian in the BlueCross Bowl in Chattanooga at Finley Stadium on December 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, enjoying the leadership and football knowledge of Head Coach Paul Wade, the Donelson Christian Academy Wildcats finished their historic season with an overall record of 13-1 and a state title; and

WHEREAS, perhaps the most important state championship in school history, the 2021 title is a wonderful blessing for both the students and faculty as Donelson Christian rebuilds after the devastating tornado that delivered major damage to their school building and property in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Donelson Christian Academy epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired their fellow students and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the football players of Donelson Christian Academy for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, team support staff, administrators, cheerleaders, and fans of the Donelson Christian Academy football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division II, Class A State Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.